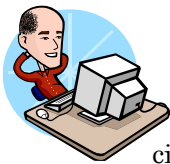


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RAE Website Announcement



The Radio Association of Erie officially announces the creation of a second website. Created by the work of many, to provide it's many fellow members with dynamic club related experiences, club information, and lots

of pictures. This site will be a secondary site to the primary site, created by N3NTJ, Mathew Steger.

Our Main Page is here:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~n3ntj/rae.html>

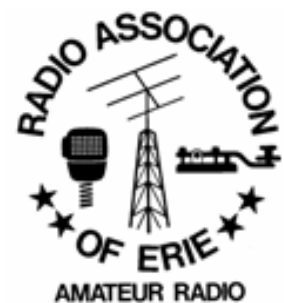
NEW SITE (additional site):

[Http://www.rae.d2g.com](http://www.rae.d2g.com)

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Christmas Party 2002



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Norma Vanderhoff, W3CG

w3cg@tbscc.com**IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES****General Membership
Meeting:****Thursday, February 6, 2002
7:00 PM****RAE club meetings are now
being held at our winter
location.****Location:
American *Red* Cross****Board of Directors Meeting:****Tuesday, February 25, 2002****Location:
American *Red* Cross********Special Testing Notice*********ALL test sessions at Pano's
Restaurant and Bakery have
been suspended. There will no
longer be test sessions at that
location.***

As of January 1, the test fee is now \$12.00. The same as before, if 5 wpm code is taken at the same sitting as a theory exam, there is not any extra charge. If only a code exam is taken, there is a \$12.00 fee.

At the January test session, James Froncek KA3RDA upgraded to General

Class. Jim is a life member of the RAE and has been licensed for nearly 16 years.

As of now, we do not have a new location confirmed, but testing will continue as usual. Those planning to test may phone me at 814-665-9124 or E-Mail at w3cg@tbscc.com for arrangements.

January marked the completion of 18 years of service of the RAE VE Team. Thanks to all of the volunteers for being so faithful.

Norma W3CG

How's The Weather?

How many of you out there are skiers? Who prefers the warmer weather of the south? In the past few weeks, weather conditions haven't been the friendliest.

During these times, it's important to keep in mind the efforts of our SKYWARN, ARES, and RACES teams. The partici-

pants of these groups have the welfare and safety of you, your family, and your friends in mind. Please join the SKYWARN,

ARES, RACES members on the weekly Sunday night evening net. Sunday, 7 PM on the W3GV repeater, 146.61 MHz. Hear what the weather has been like around you!



General Meeting Minutes– January 2, 2003

Board Members Present: KB3A, N3FAW, N3RKO, N3LBI, N3ZNP, NI3Q and K3LD
Not present: N3BXL, and KE3XR

Meeting brought to order by President KB3A at 7:00, General Membership Meeting at the Red Cross

Secretary's report- K3LD: motion to accept the minutes that were printed in the QuaRae for November 2002

Motion: N3LBI **Second:** KB3B

Treasurer's report- KE3XR: not present

Board of Directors report- N3LBI: Talked about the bulk mail and determined to cancel it, membership, fundraising and yard sale, gravel for driveway.

Membership- N3FAW: 121 members so far for 2003 membership drive.

ARES / RACES: N3HPR- not present

Skywarn: N3EOY- not present

QuaRae: KC2HVX not present KB3A did talk to

KC2HVX at the Christmas party and Bob is working on the website for the QuaRae.

Public Service- N3RKO- nothing at this time but Jack hopes to get the great help he had last year.

Repeater: / EOC: N3SRD- not present KB3A the EOC needs heat and hopes to get it in so that it can be used for contesting soon. The Ten Tec, Omni D and has come back from Ten Tec repaired, was at the meeting so all could see it. Chris hopes to get contesting early in the season, like March or April. So listen to the .61 net and come out and use it. If you have never done HF now is the time to try.

Contest- KB3A- nothing. Chris said he would like to get a VHS beam up. N3LBI said he has an 11 element beam that he will donate.

VE- K3LD- Saturday January 4 and February 1 will be at Panos on 38 St. East
 Saturday January 18 and February 15 at 12:30 at Gannon

Old: N3LBI go bill from Fergies for Christmas party. WB3DOM mentioned that maybe we should think about the Christmas party after Christmas (in January) something to think about. May get more people.

New:
 -N3RKO will follow up on the yard sale the neighborhood has in the summer.
 -KB3A mentioned getting members radio active this year and getting them on the air. May have check ins when coming to the meetings.
 -KB3A wanted to know the preparedness status of the Red Cross. He thinks there should be people at the Red Cross when they open shelters.

Motion to adjourn:
 N3LBI **Second:** N3RKO
 Meeting adjourned at 7:40 Submitted by K3LD.

Dianne Miller
The Robson Co., Inc.

Recently Donated HF Radio- Now at the EOC



DX- Ham's Contesting in Jersey Island

Craig Hill K3PLV and his friend Pete K8PT, will again be journeying to Jersey Island to operate DX.

They will leave on March 18 and return on the 26th. This will make their fifth year in doing this expedition.

Jersey Island is located 100

miles south of England and 14 miles from the coast of France.

Craig and Pete have made thousands of QSOs on SSB, CW, RTTY, and satellite operating from a World War II German's signal bunker on the far side of the Island.

While there, they also enjoy the hospitality of the Jersey Amateur Radio Society.

The approximately 9 x 5 mile island has a population of 85,000 and its major sources of income are finance, tourism, and agriculture.

~ Norma W3CG

Silent Key

Charlie Goodspeed, KA3ZWR, died Monday, January 6, 2003 at Hamot Medical Center. He worked as a truck driver for about 40 years. He was a licensed ham radio operator since 1993. He served in the Merchant Marine during World War II. Charlie has many

friends and family members surviving him, including his wife, two children, eight grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

He will be missed by many.



Regulations... Why Should I Care How They Change?

By Stephen Kellat, KC8BFI
January 28, 2003

Regulations in the Amateur Radio Service are not some static weight but a dynamic, changing reflection of the Amateur Radio community. Regulations change to adapt to new situations or to allow new situations to begin. For example, if we are to get a new band, a matter at the FCC called a rulemaking proceeding has to occur. The ARRL routinely advocates for us in such proceedings.

Although it may seem like a technical process, it isn't. The FCC's Office of the Secretary has a good fact sheet on its Web site that details the process. Hams file comments in proceedings for the most part. Comments can be as simple as a letter that you send to the Commission expressing your views on the matter under consideration with a copy included (this would be an informal comments filing). If four copies are filed along with your original,

then that is a formal filing. The fact sheet links to how to bind up your printed views and make sure they get submitted to the FCC properly.

If you don't want to fight with a cranky printer to print up your remarks and don't want to travel to visit your local post office, there is another avenue. The FCC has established an Electronic Comment Filing System to accept filings electronically. Don't let the name fool you--the Electronic Comment Filing System is a powerful tool that accepts more types of filings than simply comments in proceedings. (Hams typically stick with the Comments, Reply Comments and Petition for Reconsideration classifications for their filings in the system.) If you can type up your comments in any of the word processing formats discussed on the Electronic Comment Filing System site, you can upload your remarks electronically and save some money on postage. The

Electronic Comment Filing System also allows you to read comments filed and other documents in a proceeding to get a sense as to what is going on.

Are you powerless to express your views on a proposed change in our regulations? Not at all. Many tools are there for you to individually express your views on a proposed change. An avenue of expression just as important is to talk to your leadership in the League and let them know how you stand. Through each division's director, decisions are made at Board of Directors meetings as to how the League as a body stands on issues. Making sure that your leaders know how you stand before they come to the directors' table is also a big way to make sure you get heard. All in all, the opportunity to be heard is even easier today than it used to be.

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Christmas Dinner

You Talking
To Me???

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Matthew Steger
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If have something that you would like to trade, just drop me a note at my NEW email account. It's rjl191@adelphia.net.

For those that don't have email and would like to contribute to the ad listings or write an article for the QuaRae you can contact me by phone. My local phone is: 897-9872. My pager number is: 878-6652. Paging me is preferred since I am out and about most of the day. Just dial the number, wait for the tones, then dial your home phone number, and I'll call you back ASAP.

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